

I am opposed to overturning or removing rules and/or regulations that allow for the continued erosion of the diversity of views presented in traditional media venues through loosening of ownership restrictions. A democracy can not function if a few wealthy individuals or corporations control the channels of mass media which present the same or similar points of view. There is a clear commercial conflict of interest in reporting events when one is potentially responsible for the events or affiliated with the cause of the events. We will be a less informed national body with a withering democracy if consolidation is allowed to continue and we are stripped of local perspectives on national and international issues.